



Dannel P. Malloy, Governor

State of Connecticut Situation Report



Department of Emergency
Management & Homeland Security

Situation Report

January 26-27, 2011 SNOWSTORM
Report Period: January 27, 2011 1000HRS

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATION LEVEL:

Governor Malloy activated the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 1600 hours, January 26, 2011.

AGENCIES PRESENT AT SEOC AT TIME OF REPORT:

CT DEMHS, CT Department of Transportation, CT Department of Public Safety, Department of Environmental Protection, CT Military Department, Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

DEMHS STATUS REPORT:

Governor Malloy Holds Press Availability at Noon

(HARTFORD, CT) --- As the latest winter storm to hit Connecticut wraps up, Governor Dannel P. Malloy will hold an availability at the Emergency Operations Center at the State Armory at noon. Governor Malloy began his day with a 4:30 a.m. conference call with key commissioners to discuss road and weather conditions, and to make a determination about the status of the state employee workforce today. Following the call, Governor Malloy went to the EOC where he held a briefing at 6 a.m. and followed up with calls to local television and radio stations throughout the morning.

WHO: Governor Dannel P. Malloy

WHAT: Governor Malloy will hold an availability to discuss the latest winter storm

WHERE: Emergency Operations Center, State Armory

WHEN: Thursday, January 27, 2011; 12 noon

Pursuant to his authority under Sections 3-1 and 3-6a of the Connecticut General Statutes and due to the emergency situation arising from extreme nature of the snow storm currently affecting the state, Governor Malloy banned trucks from limited-access highways in Connecticut until 10 a.m.

Governor Malloy has directed the delayed arrival of all non-essential state employees until 12 noon on Thursday, January 27, 2011. This action is taken due to hazardous driving conditions during the morning hours. It is the Governor's sincere hope that all employees will exercise extreme caution while driving.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATE EOC:

None

WEATHER UPDATE:

Forecast for the Rest of Today...

This Morning: Clearing skies with temperatures climbing slowly to the low 30's. The impact on the morning rush hour is forecast to be major with deep snow remaining on some roads and several road closures (which are expected to be cleared in the next several hours).

This Afternoon: Partly sunny and relatively mild with highs in the low 30's. Some melting of the snow is expected, however water on the roadways may re-freeze this evening. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor to moderate with narrow driving lanes and high snow banks obscuring visibility.

Local EOC's open

Hartford
Bridgeport
New Haven
Glastonbury
Chester
Hospital of Saint Raphael

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS:

0800hrs Conference call with Governor Malloy, DEMHS, DOT, Military and the cities of Hartford, New Haven, Stamford, Norwalk, Waterbury and Bridgeport:

- CT Transit service will resume in HARTFORD and NEW HAVEN at 1100
- CT Transit service will resume in STAMFORD immediately
- Greater Bridgeport Transit service will resume in BRIDGEPORT at 0900
- CT Transit service will resume in NORWALK immediately; Norwalk Transit service resumption is pending
- Waterbury Transit service will resume in WATERBURY at 0900 (buses will leave pulse points at 0830)

DEMHS Regional Activity

Region 1

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS: None being reported to this office.

OTHER: Nothing reported to this office

REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE: None requested through this office

Region 2

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS :

All municipalities within Region 2 report very heavy snowfall occurred overnight. Most report totals of 15" to 18". Roads are slowly being cleared, with emphasis on major arteries. All schools have been closed for the day and most municipal agencies and Town Halls will be opening at noon.

EOC status changes since last SITREP:

1. City of New Haven's EOC was fully activated at 0700 this morning.
2. No other Local EOCs have been reported open within Region 2. All municipalities are continuing to monitor improving weather conditions from remote locations. If winds create issues with power, several have indicated possible openings, but none as of 0900.

OTHER: The Region 2 Office is open and manned by the Regional Coordinator.

REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE: None as of 0900, however, several towns are experiencing break-down problems with their municipal snow removal equipment and trucks. No specific requests for assistance have been received at this time.

Region 3

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS / IMPACTS: Two major roof collapses in Portland reported by media/SEOC and also by Local EMD. No injuries reported at either of these incidents.

OTHER: Region 1 Coordinator continues to cover Region 3 area.

REQUESTS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE: East Hampton requesting DOT resources to assist with snow removal in that town. Processed through SEOC

Region 4

Sig. Events:

Colchester Emergency Communications reports that at 8:49am a report came in of a Roof Collapse on Large storage type building, at 35 Fedus Road, Colchester, CT. Local building official is responding. Colchester Roof Collapse follow-up, is that the caller reporting the collapse stated that no one was in the building.

Generally all local roads are passable but hazardous.

Schools are closed.

Parking bans in effect.

Plainfield 19 inches of snow, towns continue to plow roads.

State Assistance has not been requested.

Town EMDs are monitoring weather conditions.

Region 4 Office is opened.

Region 5

Significant Events;

Ridgefield- pole down power loss to senior living complex. Power was restored around 8:50am this morning; a warming center has been open at 195 Danbury Rd. the Park and Rec center.

State Assistance: None requested at this time.

OTHER AGENCIES/PARTNERS:

Connecticut State Police

Wednesday 01/27/11 0630 hours - 0930 hours

Calls for Service: **228**

Accidents: **06**

Accidents with Injuries: **0**

Fatalities: **0**

DUI- **0**

Motorist Assists: 47

Non-Reportable: 47

Troops Contacted:

Several spin outs and disabled motorists reported

Major Highway Corridors:

The only major closure remaining is I-95 North Bound in the area of exit 10. Ramps are snow covered causing temporary closures to remove stuck vehicles.

Secondary State Roadways:

No major issues

Weather Related Activity:

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Significant Active Incidents:

The I-95 closure at exit 10. Several inquiries as to Truck Ban, all advised to review CGS 3-6a.

Running Event Totals:

Wednesday 01/26/11 – 01/27/11 1000 hours – 0930 hours

Calls for Service: **1715**

Accidents: **150**

Accidents with Injuries: **07**

Fatalities: **0**

DUI- **01**

Motorist Assists: **412**

Non-Reportable: **1399**

CT Department of Transportation

District 1 -

Section 11

87 TRUCKS 100% 44 CONTRACTORS 100%

Section 13

81 TRUCKS 100% 38 CONTRACTORS 76 %

District 2 -

Section 21

74 TRUCKS 100% 20 CONTRACTORS 100%

Section 23

91 TRUCKS 100% 16 CONTRACTORS 100%

District 3 -

Section 31

74 TRUCKS 100% 18 CONTRACTORS 100%

Section 33

83 TRUCKS 100% 19 CONTRACTORS 100%

District 4 -

Section 41

69 TRUCKS 100% 19 CONTRACTORS 100%

Section 43

73 TRUCKS 100% 28 CONTRACTORS 100%

TOTAL STATE TRUCKS 632 TRUCKS

TOTAL CONTRACTOR 202 TRUCKS

TOTAL TRUCKS 834

Ban on trucks on interstates and limited access roads ends at 1000.

Rail:

Metro-North has issued its New Haven service update. Note service on all 3 branches (New Canaan, Danbury and Waterbury) remains suspended. Will operate modified Sunday schedule on New Haven main line with locomotive hauled equipment.

Incidents:

Disabled Vehicle - DARIEN I-95 Northbound CLOSED between Exits 10 and 6 because of multi Disabled Vehicle (Tractor Trailers). Reported Thursday, January 27 at 4:27 am.

Military Department/Connecticut National Guard

CTNG/Military Department currently has one representative in the SEOC. The CTNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) is manned with additional staffing (x5). The JOC is conducting Command and Control (C2) for CTNG forces and monitoring SEOC storm data. Possible mission sets have been identified and planned. Selected units have been notified of possible utilization by the Governor and are awaiting execution orders. No additional information at this time.

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control

Enfield Fire Dept Special Ops has been released from the Somers barn collapse. Waiting for further information but apparently 2 and possibly 3 horses were rescued from the barn.

Department of Environmental Protection

Since last report one spill reported, no response required, and one public safety assist.

Connecticut Light and Power

At 1000hrs CL&P website shows 798 customer outages

United Illuminating

At 0950hrs UI website shows 5 customer outages

Red Cross

Red Cross contacted Ridgefield EMD to see if we could be of assistance with Senior Complex without heat. Red Cross is following up on three fires (Niantic, Ridgefield and Hartford) and continues to monitor situation.

End of report.

Next report at 1300hrs on 1/27/11

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